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Public Services.

Muhammadans in the Superior Service in the Transferred Departments.

192 *Q*.—Mr. K. ABDUL HYE SAHIB: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state the number of Muhammadans appointed to posts on Rs. 250 to Rs. 500 and on Rs. 500 and above in the Transferred Departments since the introduction of the Reforms?

A.—The information asked for can be obtained from a scrutiny of the Civil Lists for the years in question.

Posts of Collector reserved for members of the Provincial Civil Service.

193 *Q*.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether four posts of Collector and District Magistrate are reserved for the members of the Provincial Civil Service;

(*b*) whether only three such members of the Provincial Civil Service are now holding the posts of Collector and District Magistrate; and

(*c*) the reasons why a fourth member of the Provincial Civil Service has not been appointed?

A.—There is no provision in the Government of India Act under which posts can be reserved for the members of the Madras Provincial Service. Section 99 provides that the authorities in India by whom appointments are made to offices in the Indian Civil Service may appoint to any such office any person of proved merit and ability domiciled in British India and born of parents habitually resident in India subject to such rules as may be prescribed by the Governor-General in Council and sanctioned by the Secretary of State in Council. The rules governing the subject are under revision, and the notifications at present in force permit the appointment to posts of Collector of three persons who are not members of the Indian Civil Service. Three members of the Provincial Civil Service are now in charge of districts. Two other members of that service hold posts which are graded as Collectorates.

Communal representation in higher services.

194 *Q*.—Mr. M. RATNASWAMI: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state the total number of Indian Christians, Brahmans and Muhammadans, respectively, employed in the public services drawing a salary of Rs. 500 and above a month?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the Annual Civil List.

Re-employment of Government pensioners.

195 *Q*.—Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state if any pensioners on Rs. 100 and above have been re-employed in Government service in the City; if so, what is the number of such pensioners and what are the departments and the capacities in which they are employed?

A.—The information is not available.